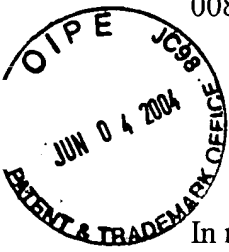


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For: INK-JET PRINTING METHOD,	)	June 4, 2004
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed non-US documents are also enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. application is enclosed.

The concise explanations of relevance for Japanese documents No. 59-123670 and No. 59-138461 are provided beginning on page 49, line 16 of the specification.

For the Examiner's additional information, U.S. Patent No. 4,608,577  
corresponds to Japanese Document No. 60-71260.

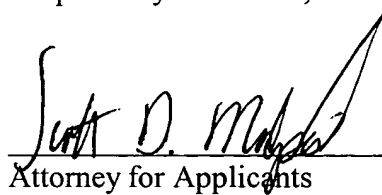
Also enclosed is a European Search Report dated February 2, 2004, and the  
documents listed therein.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the  
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such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

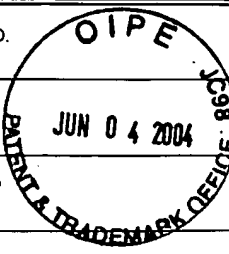
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